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Jake Austin Lee Ottertail, right, was found guilty of manslaughter on Wednesday in the 2010 beating death of Bert Haverkort, 46. A Queen's Bench judge ruled that while it was Ottertail who killed Haverkort, his roommate at the time, it was not his intention. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Ottertail guilty of manslaughter in 2010 death

Originally charged with second-degree murder. Victim is said to have provoked convicted with racial slur; Ottertail made no plans to flee after fatal beating

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A man charged in the 2010 killing of Bert Haverkort, 46, who was found beaten to death in his Avenue C North residence, was found guilty of manslaughter on Wednesday morning.

Jake Austin Lee Ottertail, 35, who was originally charged with second-degree murder, was Haverkort's roommate at the time of the killing. In her ruling, Queen's Bench Judge Mona Dovell ruled that while it was Ottertail who killed Haverkort, it was not his intention.

A 44-page decision from Dovell said the two men were in a drunken fight when Ottertail was provoked by Haverkort, when he yelled, "Jake — you have to calm down, you're going native on me. Settle down or I will kick the s–t out of you," causing Ottertail to become enraged.

This provocation was cited as one of the main reasons the second-degree murder charge was reduced to manslaughter as the court found the racial slur caused Ottertail to be "deprived of his self-control."

Defence attorney Morris Bodnar, who represented Ottertail in court on Wednesday morning, said he felt the not-guilty verdict was the right one.

"We're pleased with the decision; we think the Crown should have taken manslaughter when it was offered sometime ago," said Bodnar. "The judge came down with the manslaughter decision, which is what we were asking for."

When asked how his client was taking the ruling, he replied, "He was quite hopeful it would be manslaughter and I think he's quite relieved."

Bodnar noted that with recent manslaughter sentencing in the province, Ottertail's sentence would likely be in the range of five to 15 years.

Moving forward

A pre-sentencing report has been ordered and Ottertail will be back in court on July 16.

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The trusty Crown Vic is turning in its badge

New ride. Saskatoon Police will be phasing in Ford Taurus, Explorer

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The Saskatoon Police Service will soon be getting a new set of wheels.

With Ford retiring the Crown Victoria in 2011, many police forces are now tasked with finding a new cop car.

The SPS seem to have already settled on their next ride.

Insp. Lorne Constantinoff, who heads the SPS's specialized uniformed operations division, said the force will be switching out older vehicles with Ford's new interceptors: ramped-up versions of the Ford Taurus and Ford Explorer.

"We have taken into possession two vehicles already, one sedan and one SUV," he said. "We've been doing some testing with these things to determine whether or not we need to change our driving-training program ... but you should be seeing them on the street very soon."

He explained that while the new interceptors have a number of benefits, such as all-wheel drive and better gas millage, there would be some challenges.

Some equipment, such as the silent patrolman that separates drivers from the back seat, are easily interchangeable between Crown Vics but will likely need to be refitted for the new cars.

"We have no doubt that they'll be able to perform at least to a similar level as the Crown Victorias," said Constantinoff. "And I would suggest, in some circumstances, to a superior level."

Alongside the two vehicles the SPS already has in its possession, six more of the new interceptors have been ordered.

Crown Victorias, like the one above, will eventually be a thing of the past in Saskatoon as the SPS switches over to Ford's new version of the police interceptor: a beefed-up Ford Taurus. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Senator, lawyer suing CBC for libel

Regina lawyer Tony Merchant
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/CBC NEWS

Sen. Pana Merchant and her husband, lawyer Tony Merchant, have launched a libel lawsuit against the CBC.

A statement of claim filed in Saskatoon Court of Queen's Bench involves a CBC story that said Tony Merchant had put $1.7 million into offshore tax havens. A TV story entitled Merchant of Secrecy was followed by radio and online reports.

The Merchants say the stories left the impression that they broke the law.

The statement of claim also names two CBC reporters and a journalist with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists in Washington, D.C. — the organization that leaked financial information about thousands of people.

The claim says video of yachts and tropical islands were backed with audio that said: "While most citizens pay their taxes, some rich ones use a secretive off-shore world to hide what they really have."

The statement of claim alleges that the broadcaster used old stock footage of Tony Merchant working late and created the impression that he would not come out to be interviewed.

The statement also alleges that the story gave the impression that Sen. Merchant had breached Senate rules about declaring that she was a beneficiary of her husband's account.

Tony Merchant is a Regina-based lawyer who routinely takes on high-profile, class-action lawsuits, including one involving residential schools.

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Grab your cape and spear, Saskatoon toon fest is here

It's Blitz! Futurama's Bender to make appearance at the festival of all things animated, which for the first time is running all weekend long

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Heading into its third official year as the Saskatoon Blitz, the city's only comic, anime, gaming and pop-culture festival has grown two sizes bigger this year.

Now running for an entire weekend, rather than a single day, the event offers fans of all shapes and sizes more opportunity to meet visiting celebrities and artists, see shows and check out rare goods for sale.

"We are going three days rather than one, so there's a lot more stuff going on," said founder, chair and event director Laura Petrishen-Ha.

"It's really from the geeks, for the fans."

The event's growth, according to Petrishen-Ha, is a direct result of fans asking for more, and out-of-town fans looking to make their trip a true weekend adventure.

"It was just really a push from fans … having the option to have a three-day event allows us to bring in a whole other array of guests," said Petrishen-Ha.

This year's main attractions includes voice actor John DiMaggio, best known as the voice of Bender from TV's Futurama.

Petrishen-Ha said she is very excited about this year's lineup.

"It's very cool that some of these agencies are interested in us and see that what we're doing is on standard for things that they are used to doing," she said.

The deets

The Blitz takes place June 8 and 9 at the Saskatoon Inn. Here's what to expect this weekend:

- Launch party and anime screening for weekend pass holders at the Roxy Theatre
- A variety of local, national and internationally acclaimed artists, actors and panellists
- Dedicated vendor room, featuring vendors from across the country
- Gala dance on Saturday night.

For more information on where to purchase tickets and festival details, head to saskblitz.com.

Guests at the Saskatoon Blitz go all out and dress up like their favourite comic book, anime and sci-fi characters, like these Star Wars fans from the 2012 Saskatoon Blitz. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Maple Creek

Boy pleads guilty to abducting 14-year-old pregnant girl

One of the teenage boys charged after a 14-year-old girl from Maple Creek, Sask., was taken from her home in early January has pleaded guilty to abducting a person under 16.

He is to be sentenced July 11.

Police issued an Amber Alert at the time, and two days later the girl was brought to police and two 16-year-old boys and a 38-year-old woman were arrested. The other two charged in the case are to be back in court next week.

It was alleged the girl, who was eight months pregnant at the time, was forcibly taken from her family's home by her boyfriend.

The Youth Criminal Justice Act prohibits naming underage suspects or anyone whose name could identify the youths.

The Amber Alert was issued after the girl's family reported a pair of intruders wearing ski masks burst into the home demanding the girl pack some clothes and leave with them.

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Swift Current

RCMP charge three teenage boys in sexual assault, criminal harassment in southwestern Saskatchewan

Three youths in southwestern Saskatchewan are charged with sexual assault involving a teenage girl.

The RCMP aren't saying much about what allegedly happened because they say they want to protect the girl.

Mounties say the charges were laid in mid-May after a girl and her parents went to authorities in Swift Current.

Two of the three teenage boys are also charged with criminal harassment.

One of them is charged with distributing child pornography after a video of an assault was allegedly shared.

RCMP Cpl. Rob King says all the teens know each other.

The boys are to appear in court July 8.

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Saskatoon police face standoff

Hostile confrontation. Police assess situation with potentially armed man on Wednesday night

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Police taped off the 1600 block of Laura Avenue on Wednesday afternoon after officers received reports of a potentially armed man behaving violently in a residence.

According to a release from the Saskatoon Police Service (SPS), officers received a call from an individual who was in the house with the man, but when police arrived they found everyone but the man had vacated the residence.

Alyson Edwards, director of public affairs with the Saskatoon Police Service, briefed media at the scene and said while police had little information about what was going on inside the residence, officers were communicating with the man via telephone.

"We don't know what in fact is in the home as far weapons or a threat to his safety or the safety of the public in general," said Edwards. "What I can say is at 3:36 p.m., we received a report from a person who had been in the home, saying that a male who had also been present — and there were several others there as well — had been acting violently toward the other people."

She continued, "When we arrived, all of those people, except the male suspect, had fled the scene, and it's my understanding there was one person treated for a minor injury."

Edwards noted the male had made threats to use violence and also stated that he may have access to firearms, but at the time, roughly 5:15 p.m., police were still assessing the scene.

"We're trying to talk with him as much as we can and trying to figure out if some of the claims he is making are in fact true," said Edwards.

She noted members from the SPS's Emergency Response Team were on scene and also said that crisis negotiators were on standby, though not at the scene at the time.

At deadline, the incident was ongoing.

Check metronews.ca for updates.

Quoted

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Alyson Edwards, director of public affairs with the Saskatoon Police Service

Members of the Saskatoon Police Service tape off the 1600 block of Laura Avenue during a standoff on Wednesday afternoon. Police say the suspect indicated he had access to firearms and was making threats. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Saskatchewan skies are clean, clear under control

Despite the province's growing economy and population, the Ministry of Environment says Saskatchewan's air quality remains "very good."

The government's air monitoring conducted across the province is ensuring the ministry can track any changes in quality, especially with more and more industries making Saskatchewan their home.

"We are establishing a baseline, (so) going forward we will know if there are any changes in our air quality," Environment Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said at a Clean Air Day event on Wednesday.

At the event at the legislature grounds, the ministry showed off its mobile Saskatchewan Air Monitoring Laboratory (SAML), a refitted mobile home that travels across the province collecting samples.

"Anywhere that there is a large development, a large structure that involves gases or anything that may be admitted to the air, that's something that we monitor," said Cheveldayoff, adding that SAML has visited 40 locations since 2010.

The mobile SAML collects the same information as six standing air-monitoring stations in Saskatchewan and takes samples on an hourly basis to be examined for carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and other such pollutants.

Technicians travel with the SAML and leave it at each site for approximately two weeks, except in the case of an emergency response.

The information is then transmitted to Regina.

ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Checkup

At the six standing stations on Wednesday at 4 p.m.:

- **Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina were "good,"** meaning an Air Quality Index of zero to 25
- **Buffalo Narrows, North Battleford and Swift Current were "fair,"** meaning between 25 and 50

The Saskatchewan Air Monitoring Laboratory travels across the province to collect air samples. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

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Public outcry. Israeli judge resigns after comment about girls enjoying rape

A Tel Aviv District Court judge has resigned following a public furor over comments he made in court that some girls "enjoy being raped."

Nissim Yeshaya was presiding over a hearing on the rape of a 13-year-old Israeli girl by four Palestinian youths when he made the comment. He apologized and said the remark was taken out of context.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was among officials who harshly criticized the judge. He also withdrew his support for Yeshaya's appointment as head of his Likud Party's internal court. Several lawmakers called for the judge's immediate dismissal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stepping down

Israel's justice minister said Wednesday Yeshaya expressed his desire to leave his post at a hearing.

Jamaica. 'Unrelenting violence' against kids a chronic problem: UNICEF

The United Nations' child welfare agency said Wednesday that it is deeply concerned about what it describes as "unrelenting violence" against youngsters in Jamaica, including the recent beheading of a 4-year-old girl.

Robert Fuderich, UNICEF's representative in Jamaica, said a recent spate of grisly crimes targeting school children has underscored a chronic and disturbing problem in the Caribbean country that has put authorities on alert and parents on edge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sinister trend

"The killing of several children, in close succession, is a tragic reminder of the violence being meted out to children on a daily basis."

UNICEF representative Robert Fuderich

Tainted beef. Indecisive report on nation's juiciest recall leaves bad taste

Nearly a year after tainted Alberta beef sickened 18 people, briefly blocked exports to the U.S. and cast doubts on the safety of Canada's food supply, no one can say for sure what led to the largest meat recall in Canadian history.

It could have been a horde of germs from a contaminated animal passing through a super shredder, a new report suggests. Or an improperly decontaminated carcass. Or simply a case of too much bacteria for the plant to handle.

One thing is for certain: Neither staff nor federal inspectors at the XL Foods plant in Brooks, Alta., were taking food safety seriously enough last September to prevent the crisis from happening, a three-member review panel has concluded.

"We found a relaxed attitude towards applying mandatory procedures — clearly outlined in some documents, less so in others," says the report. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Femen activists expelled

Tunisian feminist activist Amina Sboui, hidden by a veil, is escorted by police officers as she leaves the courthouse in Kairouan, Tunisia, Wednesday. Sboui, a Tunisian member of radical Ukrainian feminist group Femen, scandalized the country by posting topless photos of herself protesting for women's rights in March. Three members of the group were expelled from Tunisia on suspicion they were planning a topless protest in front of the court where their colleague was being tried for another incident, the Interior Ministry said Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Victims pulled from rubble after building collapse

Philadelphia. One killed as demolition gone wrong buries adjacent thrift store

A building that was being torn down collapsed with a thunderous boom Wednesday, raining bricks on a neighbouring thrift store, killing a woman and injuring at least 13 other people in an accident that witnesses said was bound to happen.

Hours after the deadly accident, with the official death count at one, two body bags were removed from the rubble. Video footage taken at the scene showed authorities loading the body bags into ambulances. Telephone calls to the mayor's office and to fire and police officials seeking information about the body bags were not answered. A woman was pulled from the rubble of the Salvation Army thrift store two hours after the 10:45 a.m. collapse when rescuers heard her voice, city fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said.

The woman who died was 35 years old, Mayor Michael Nutter said, but no other information about her was released. Officials said they would keep excavating to make sure there were no other victims.

Several witnesses said they had been casting a wary eye on the demolition site and questioned how the workers were tackling the job. That raised questions about how closely the highly visible spot on Market Street was being monitored. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Firefighters carry a survivor from the rubble of a four-storey building that collapsed in downtown Philadelphia Wednesday. MICHAEL BRYANT/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shoddy work?

"We've been calling it for the past week — it's going to fall, it's going to fall."

Window washer Dan Gillis

Vancouver

Nanny claims she was forced to work 16-hour days

A Filipina nanny's voice tensed up with emotion as she described the day she called police after one of her employers pushed her and doused her with a jug of water in Vancouver.

Leticia Sarmiento, who is testifying at a human trafficking trial, said Wednesday that the physical altercation in June 2010 involved Oi Ling Nicole Huen.

Sarmiento said she called police and finally escaped from the home where she had been working as a live-in nanny since 2008.

Huen and Franco Yiu Kwan Orr are facing charges after allegations that they forced Sarmiento into domestic servitude. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thousands evacuated

Floods charge through Germany, Czech Republic

Desperate families were plucked from rooftops by helicopters, cars were swept away by raging torrents and levees failed without warning Wednesday as central Europe staggered under an inland ocean of flooding.

Tens of thousands of people had to be evacuated in Germany and the Czech Republic and chemical plants along the mighty Danube and Elbe rivers were hastily shut down. City officials, federal troops and emergency workers across a vast region either raced to prepare or struggled to cope as flood crests roared downstream.

More than 19,000 were evacuated in the Czech Republic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blow to rebel forces

Hezbollah helps Syrian troops seize border town

Syrian troops and their Lebanese Hezbollah allies captured a strategic border town Wednesday after a gruelling three-week battle, dealing a severe blow to rebels and opening the door for President Bashar Assad's regime to seize back the country's central heartland.

The regime triumph in Qusair, which Assad's forces had bombarded for months without success, demonstrates the potentially game-changing role of Hezbollah in Syria's civil war. The gain could also embolden Assad to push for all-out military victory rather than participate in peace talks being promoted by the U.S. and Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Remembering Amanda

R.I.P Amanda Todd
Suicide does not end the Chances of Life getting Worse. Suicide Hurts the Family of it gets better.
Rest peacefully

AMANDA TODD, THE B.C. TEEN WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE LAST YEAR AFTER BEING BULLIED, HAS BEEN COMMEMORATED ON FACEBOOK. THESE ARE SOME IMAGES POSTED ON R.I.P. PAGES CREATED IN HER NAME.

A NEW WAY TO #GRIEVE

Mourning deceased loved ones on social media is common, but commemorative pages can cause additional anxiety for some

RITA POLIAKOV/METRO

On May 12, Alexandra Christopoulos wished her friend Patrick a happy birthday on Facebook.

He'll never read the post.

Patrick Douglas Mott, who would have been 31 this year, died on New Year's Eve in 2009. Soon after, Mott's father started an RIP Facebook group in his son's honour, a group with more than 200 members and hundreds of posts.

This, for many, is the new way to grieve. And some are abusing it. While grieving through social media can be cathartic, it can also rob mourners of their privacy.

For Christopoulos, Mott's online memorial helped in the healing process.

"I think, initially, grief, it's so overwhelming and shocking and you almost feel numb," said Christopoulos, adding that she turned to social media when she felt alone.

"I'll think of him randomly. I'll go online to that page and realize someone else has already been there. They're thinking of him too," she said.

Experiences vary. Amanda Todd, the B.C. teen who committed suicide last year after being relentlessly bullied, has been commemorated on Facebook and Twitter. Her RIP pages have hundreds of thousands of likes, but have also become a forum for more bullying.

Some commenters wrote that the 15-year-old deserved her fate. A topless photo of Todd, the very one that contributed to her agony, was even posted to a memorial page.

According to Pam Fitzgerald, director of the Canadian Centre for Bereavement Education and Grief Counselling in Toronto, social media can be a free-for-all.

"With a sudden, unexpected death, people aren't always sensitive with their judgment and criticism or inaccurate information," she said. "Anything on the Internet affects the grieving process. Gossip usually always hurts."

RIP Facebook groups and Twitter hashtags pose another problem: What if the family of the deceased doesn't want an online memorial?

Vicky White, a 17-year-old from Toronto, started a memorial Facebook page after her classmate died in a car crash earlier this year. "It was a place for everyone to gather to share their memories," she said.

But then the deceased teen's family spoke up.

"There are a lot of complications. I like to put myself out there, but the thing is, (his) family wanted privacy. They want time to heal," White said.

Even with its pitfalls, mourning through social media has its place in the grieving process. According to Fitzgerald, it can be a useful tool when coupled with professional help or a strong support system.

"I think it can be both positive and negative. Funeral homes now have a page where people can write messages to the family. That's positive."

Online etiquette

For those wishing to pay their respects using social media, here are some guidelines:

- Always post accurate information to avoid causing unwarranted anxiety to those trying to heal.
- Never post criticisms of the deceased.
- Don't offer advice, only condolences and support.
- Respect the privacy of those who are mourning.

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Debate flares over practice of smoking hookah

Smoking tobacco has long been banned in Alberta restaurants but smoking shisha through a waterpipe is still allowed. BRUNO VINCENT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

A debate has flared up in Edmonton over the Middle Eastern practice of smoking a shisha, also known as a hookah or waterpipe. Some would like to see the centuries-old tradition banned from restaurants such as Edmonton's Co-Co-Di, where owner Riad Ghazal has offered customers hookahs since 2003.

Smoking tobacco has long been banned in the province's restaurants, but smoking shisha through a waterpipe is still allowed so long as it is herbal and fruit-based.

Ghazal says he only serves it to customers who are over 18, and explains that it's a large part of the Middle Eastern culture. He says instead of eating the fruit, you smoke the fruit, adding he can't imagine finishing his dinner at night without it.

But addiction psychiatrist Dr. Charl Els argues that even if there's no tobacco, there are still many possible health risks when it comes to smoking shisha. "Technically, any agricultural product that you combust by burning it can release carcinogens or cancer forming substances."

Shisha users also run the risk of catching an infectious disease like meningitis, tuberculosis or hepatitis "because those using the waterpipe wouldn't necessarily clean the mouthpiece between different users," says Els.

Els also believes smoking shisha can serve as a gateway for youth to start smoking cigarettes, and thinks banning it would be a step in the right direction.

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Government's view

Ghazal's Co-Co-Di restaurant is one of 30 restaurants across the province that would be affected if Alberta does ban shisha.

- Health Minister Fred Horne says the government is studying the matter while it is drafting legislation for the province's Tobacco Reduction Strategy.

Coalition pushing to decriminalize female prostitution

Supreme Court.
Hearing next week will determine the future of Canada's prostitution laws

A coalition of groups says it will urge the Supreme Court of Canada to decriminalize the work of female sex workers, while keeping the criminal penalties against pimps and clients.

The case stems from an Ontario Court of Appeal ruling that struck down a section of the law that forbids brothels, but upheld a ban on communication for the purposes of prostitution, which effectively makes street prostitution illegal.

The Women's Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution is one of the nearly two dozen groups that have been granted intervener status to argue before the court.

The group argues that men are the main benefactors of the sex industry — as pimps, customers and brothel owners.

The coalition is made up of seven organizations, including the Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres, the Native Women's Association of Canada and the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies.

"It's an asymmetrical position of: decriminalize the women, maintain the criminalization of men, even though it's never happened," said Kim Pate, head of Elizabeth Fry.

Prostitution itself is not illegal in Canada, though many of the key activities are banned under the three sections of the Criminal Code.

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Bawdy house ban

The Ontario court struck down the Criminal Code ban on bawdy houses because the law puts sex workers in danger by forcing them to work outside.

- The court case involved three women: Retired dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford, former prostitute Valerie Scott and Vancouver sex worker Amy Lebovitch.
- They argued the laws related to prostitution violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Trudeau pitches plan on senators' expenses

A handful of Conservative protesters crash Liberal leader Justin Trudeau's press conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday, where he announced a four-point plan to lift the veil of secrecy shrouding the expenses of Canada's MPs and senators. His plan would require them to post quarterly details of their travel and hospitality expenses on public websites, as cabinet ministers already do. Liberals will voluntarily begin posting their expenses in the fall, regardless of what other parties choose to do, he said.

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Safe injection sites

Ottawa to unveil new regulations

The Harper government will introduce legislation Thursday to clarify the rules for supervised-injection sites. Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says the legislation will respond to the need for Canadians to have a greater say in the process of opening supervised drug injection sites.

Supporters argue that closing facilities violates the rights of addicts living in desolate neighbourhoods.

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'Lack of transparency'

Alberta MP quits, criticizes gov't

Alberta MP Brent Rathgeber says he has resigned from the Conservative caucus because of what he says is a "lack of commitment to transparency." Rathgeber announced his resignation on Twitter late Wednesday.

Last week he expressed disappointment in the party base about scandals in the federal government, and said federal power had slowly been transferred to the Prime Minister's Office.

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Mental health crisis

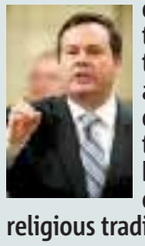
Nunavut study an eye-opener

The biggest study ever done into the risk factors for Nunavut's high suicide rates is revealing the depth of mental health problems in the territory.

The study found that nearly two-thirds of 120 Inuit who killed themselves between 2003 and 2006 had suffered from major depression. It also found that one-quarter of Inuit in a control group had also been severely depressed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Turban ban

"A sport such as soccer should encourage children to participate, and not exclude them because of their religious traditions."



Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, adding his voice to the chorus of condemnation of the Quebec Soccer Federation's decision to ban turban-wearing Sikh kids from soccer fields.

Tories just don't understand, import-export group says

Tariff changes. Head of association charges new budget will negatively impact both businesses and consumers

The head of the Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters has launched a blistering attack on the Conservative government for what she's calling its "quest for cash" that is hurting business and will cost consumers.

Joy Nott, the president of I.E. Canada, is wading into an ongoing dispute between a coalition of television importers and the Canadian Border Service Agency over what critics are calling the Harper government's "iPod tax."

Times are a-changin'

A spokesman for the finance minister said changes were "long overdue" because the system punishes Canadian companies by giving "special breaks" to emerging powers like Brazil, China, South Korea and India based on a decades-old program.

TV importers have evidence the government has given them bad advice on tariff exemptions that Ottawa intended to later claw back, including tariffs on TVs, computer speakers and MP3 players, such as iPods.

But Nott says the problem runs deeper, and that major tariff changes announced in Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's March budget will have a ripple effect on Canada's import-export community — and consumers. The budget prominently stated that import duties on some popular sporting goods would be dropped. But buried in the back pages it also noted that Canada would be "graduating" goods from 72 countries to a higher tariff classification, starting in 2015. The measure will bring in $333 million annually, said the government.

"Quite frankly, the single line about the (General Preferential Tariff) changes actually has a much wider and much more negative impact on the ultimate consumer than duty giveaways on cricket bats and hockey sticks and whatever," Nott said in an interview.

She called the sporting goods tariff cuts "almost like a smokescreen." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Monkey see, monkey shoot

They're askew and out of focus, but a set of photos taken by a talented chimpanzee named Mikki sold at auction Wednesday for 50,000 pounds ($76,680). The blurry images of Moscow's Red Square were snapped up by a Russian buyer during a sale of Russian photography at Sotheby's in London. Mikki was trained to take photos in the 1990s by Russian conceptual artists as part of a project to challenge concepts of artistic value. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Housing market

Boost in permits throws analysts

Canada's housing market continues to confound in its resilience in the face of forces that point to a correction from sky-high levels. StatsCan reported that building permits jumped 10.5 per cent in April — 21 per cent on the residential side — a shock to economists who had expected an overall three per cent decline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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Easy spirits. Airline starts serving wine in a can

Spirit Airlines is thinking outside the bottle.

The low-cost carrier known for extra fees and cheeky ads is now pouring wine out of aluminum cans.

Starting this week, passengers can purchase white moscato or strawberry moscato wine from Friends Fun Wine, a Florida company. Spirit will continue to sell mini bottles of Sutter Home wine.

FRIENDS FUN WINE

The can of wine is larger — 250 millilitres to the bottle's 187 — but it doesn't pack as much of a punch. The canned wine is six per cent alcohol by volume. Sutter Home is 13 per cent.

Spirit likes the cans because they are easier to stack and store on airplanes with limited storage space. They also weigh less and airlines are obsessed with making their planes lighter to save on fuel.

This is the latest cost-saving move from the Miramar, Fla., airline, which charges $3 for a drink of water and $35 to place a bag in the overhead bin.

Spirit will have to overcome some skeptical passengers.

"My wine consumption stops at a plastic bottle," said Ben Granucci, an aviation enthusiast from New York. "I just don't want that metallic taste in my mouth."

But Spirit CEO Ben Baldanza isn't worried. He admits there might be some jokes, but is sure passengers will spend $7 for a can — or $12 for two cans — to sip some wine.

"People adapt," Baldanza said. "Your choices at 30,000 feet are pretty limited." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What, too literal?

French CBC to omit 'Radio' and 'Canada' in name

The French-language CBC has announced plans to change its name. Radio-Canada will lose the words, "radio" and "Canada."

Instead, the federally funded broadcaster will be known in French by the name "ICI" — which means "here," in French. The name change had been rumoured for months, but was made official Wednesday with an announcement from the Crown corporation.

Founded in 1936, the institution says the change will allow for greater uniformity. Its different platforms currently carry a hodgepodge of names. Now its different platforms will all contain the word "ICI."

"'ICI' is rooted in our history and in people's memories, and is true to the personality of the public broadcaster," the broadcaster said in a statement Wednesday.

"This term fits naturally with our platforms and reflects the scope of the services we offer." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Who said the doughnut could not be bested?

Oh, the pull of that elusive reservation at the hot new restaurant. And, double oh, the sweet and fatty decadence of a well-made dessert. Combine the two foodie emotions and you've got the Cronut.

There's a Manhattan-style frenzy goin' on for the croissant-doughnut hybrid that went on sale in limited quantities about three weeks ago at the tiny downtown shop of French chef Dominique Ansel.

Cronut lusters began lining up almost from the start after word spread on blogs. They're now 100 strong most mornings for the chance to nab the quirky fried treats, including some who show up at 6 a.m., two hours before the door opens at the Dominique Ansel Bakery in SoHo.

Some often leave empty handed, or at least Cronut-less, if they turn up their noses at other items on Ansel's menu. He makes only 200 to 250 Cronuts every morning (it takes three days to complete the process) and has been selling out within an hour.

He limited his customers to two per person Monday. That's down from three.

Bryan Yong and Kaycie Luong from California enjoy their Cronuts, a croissant-donut hybrid, at the Dominique Ansel Bakery. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"A little bite of heaven. Definitely worth the calories," said Kyra Parkhurst, in town from Utah.

For those who don't make it in, more than a dozen people who have scored already-trademarked Cronuts have been scalping them on Craigslist for up to $40. That's eight times Ansel's asking price of $5 a piece.

So what does anti-obesity campaigner Mayor Michael Bloomberg think? "His office has placed an order." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All that's missing is bacon

"It's kind of New York's version of state-fair food, only taken to a whole new level with the credibility of Dominique Ansel."

Niko Triantafillou, a blogger who specializes in desserts

ASS IF YOU NEED TO SPOIL IT...

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
metronews.ca

If you spoil TV shows or movies on Facebook and Twitter you are (SPOILER ALERT) a giant ass.

As anyone with social media likely knows, whether you wanted to or not, something big happened this weekend on the TV show Game of Thrones — something that led to an outpouring of emotional responses usually reserved for terrorism and/or Justin Bieber.

I watched it the very second I could, even though that meant spending $25 for a cab ride to get to a night shift on time. Why? Because I knew that even with the scant number of people I haven't blocked in my Facebook feed (12 as of press time), there would be some goofus or other who would need to make a joke about whatever they saw, everybody else's enjoyment be damned.

And I was right. Some men have no honour.

I'm perfectly OK with people saying, "OMG!" or "WTF!" or any other bit of Internet alphabet soup, but after that let it end. A boss of mine had the episode ruined by her dentist, for goodness' sake.

Saying specifically what happens during a show in a tweet or status update is wrong, full stop. I have an Old Testament view of this. It's wrong. There is no grey.

At worst, it shows you lack empathy and don't care if you're ruining it for other people. At best, it makes you that guy who says, "Ooooh, this part coming up is FUNNY. Watch it. Watch it!"

If that's the best you can hope for, it's time to re-evaluate your life.

Some people argue that if you don't want to be spoiled you shouldn't use Facebook and Twitter, but that's ridiculous. That's how people talk to each other. That's our email and calendar. It's a big room we all talk in, and giving stuff away in one sentence is like walking up to someone the day after Empire Strikes Back and saying, Homer Simpson-like, "I can't believe he's Luke's father!"

If you were talking to somebody in person, you'd ask if they saw it first. If you want to talk about it online, provide a link to your longer, spoilery thoughts.

I also don't buy the statute of limitations that says after a while spoiling is OK. I'm sour that by the time I got to Psycho and Citizen Kane I knew the twists, and I've stayed away from The Sopranos and Lost because I know how they end. (SPOILER: In the last episode of Lost, it's revealed the show sucks.)

It's been said that it's your responsibility not to be spoiled. Nonsense. That's as stupid as the argument that a hockey player who gets his head smashed into the boards shouldn't have had his backed turn in the first place, or that a doored cyclist shouldn't have been driving in heavy traffic anyway.

Remaining spoiler-free is an act of self-restraint in a world of information overload. Every viewer knows that they can know everything that happens before a show even airs by taking their smartphone out of their pocket, yet they choose to remain blissfully unaware.

Ending that for them is like walking up to someone on a diet and shoving cake in their mouth. Whether dinner or entertainment, you shouldn't spoil it.

ZOOM

Eat your art out

Didn't your mother teach you not to play with food?

Food artist Ida Skivenes adds a whole new meaning to 'artistic taste' with her recreations of famous masterpieces. The Oslo-based geographer uses toast as her canvas and adds vegetables, cheeses and fruits to complete her 'paintings.' Her series includes remakes of works by Munch, Van Gogh and Vermeer. **METRO**

IDA SKIVENES/IDAFROSK.COM

Nom nom nom

30

minutes is how long Skivenes takes to complete a culinary recreation. Skivenes' book, Eat Your Art Out: Playful Breakfasts By Idafrosk (her nickname) is due in October.

Q and A

A toast to the edible canvas

IDA SKIVENES
Human geographer and food artist, 29, from Oslo, Norway

How did this nifty culinary project come about?
In June of last year, I joined Instagram to reconnect with my love for photography once more. The food art just happened along the way by way of a happy accident. I had seen some food art online, did my own version and posted it. After that I tried my own ideas and it turned out I had an eye for making art with food.

So you eat your artworks?
Yes, everything is made to be, and is, eaten.

What's the hardest part in remaking famous paintings?
It's recreating the mood and the 'light' in them — and getting all the small details in place.

What do you hope viewers will take away from your work?
I want people to get curious about how art and food are connected. **METRO**

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@metropicks asked: Atari games rumoured to be buried in a grave in New Mexico will be dug up by a team of Canadians. What game do you want brought back?

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Bidulka ready to run the risk

When the Saints Go Marching In. Author's latest book has him on edge as a popular character departs and an unproven one enters

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He might not live life quite as close to the edge as the characters he's created, but author Anthony Bidulka is proving he isn't afraid to take a risk.

After creating a highly popular, award-winning series of mystery novels centred around Private Detective Russell Quant, the Saskatoon-based author has left the character behind for a new one; disaster recovery agent Adam Saint.

"For me, it comes down to wanting to stretch my muscles as an artist," Bidulka said. "But it is a little bit scary to be introducing a new character."

While Bidulka says the Quant series were pure mystery novels, he describes his new book When the Saints Go Marching In as falling into the suspense/thriller genre. He has already begun work on a second Adam Saint novel, but admits to being nervous about the reaction to the shift in his writing from his loyal fan base.

"It's going to be an interesting next few months; there are some pretty serious readers of that series and I think when they read about Adam Saint their hope will be that it's Russell Quant part two, and it's not."

This isn't the first time Bidulka has gambled with his career. He was a successful chartered accountant before deciding to pursue his dream of being an author.

"There I was, approaching 40 and I had a great career, but I knew that if I didn't try this it would be a disappointment. It wasn't necessarily about selling a million copies of the book; it was about having that experience in my life."

Although he acknowledges the vast difference between being a number cruncher and a professional writer, Bidulka says his former profession has helped him tremendously in his new one.

"I understood the business world; I understood sales and marketing, which are so key in this profession. There are many better writers than I am out there, and you can write the best book in the world, but if you don't know how to market it, you're not going to be successful."

Bidulka may have known how to sell his work, but he did make some potentially risky choices in telling the Quant tales, beginning with basing the stories in his hometown.

Although he says for business reasons there is pressure on authors to set their books in the United States, he thinks choosing Saskatoon, which also features prominently in the new novel, has actually helped.

"It's proven to be one of the biggest factors in my success because by and large no one from outside of here knows about Saskatoon, so suddenly I'm giving them new information.

"That's a good thing for a writer, to show people a world they know nothing about. I like the fact that I can tell international stories and Saskatoon fits right in there."

Home sweet home

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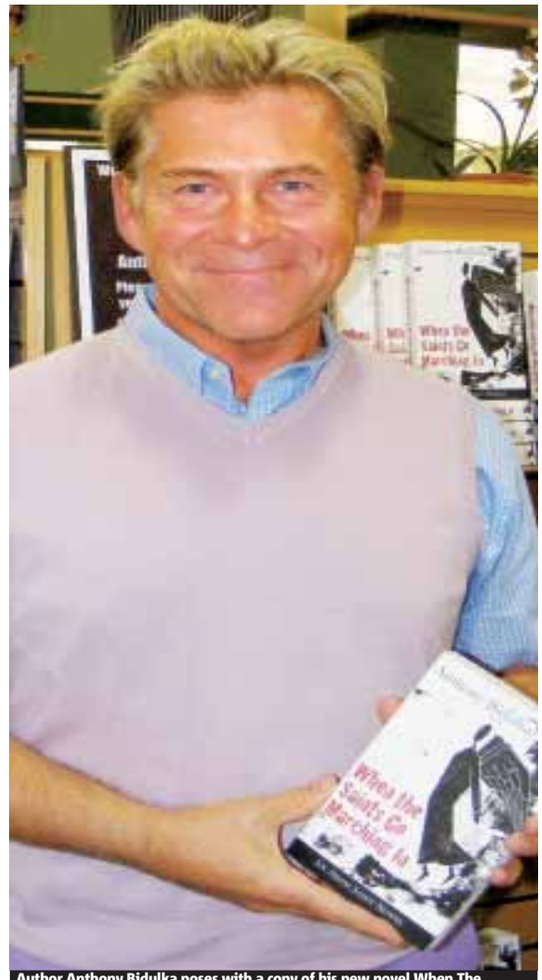
Author Anthony Bidulka

Future project

• **Russell returns?** While his focus is on his new character, Anthony Bidulka hasn't ruled out the possibility of returning to the Russell Quant series someday. "I never say never, but for me the last book ended in a place where if that's it for Russell, if we don't meet him again, he's in a positive place for him to be. But if I go back to it I think there's a whole new direction to go with it."



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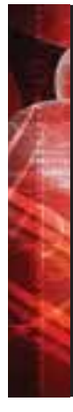
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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Paris Jackson hospitalized after possible suicide attempt

THE WORD
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Being 15 is hard. Being 15 when you don't have a father, your mother was pretty much bought solely for her uterus, your family legacy is complicated (to say the least) and you are extremely wealthy must be almost unbearable. So I feel for Paris Jackson, I really do. The 15-year-old daughter of Michael Jackson was hospitalized early Wednesday morning in what is being described as a "possible suicide attempt." Reports flew around the Internet yesterday that the attempt was either carried through via drug overdoes or cuts to her wrist after being removed via stretcher from her Calabasas, Calif., family house she shares with her legal co-guardian Katherine Jackson. TMZ.com reports that the teen was upset about not being able to go to a June 6 Marilyn Manson concert. Sadly, her Twitter page has been filled with depressive tweets as of late. The most recent one is: "yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away now it looks as though they're here to stay."

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Playboy offer a tempting Tweet for Bynes?

The repercussions of Amanda Bynes' erratic behaviour aren't all bad, apparently, as the troubled former child star has been invited by Playboy Radio to co-host its afternoon show for a day. The folks behind the offer were smart enough to reach out to Bynes via her preferred communication medium, Twitter, and she's apparently open to the idea, as she re-tweeted their offer.

Amanda Bynes ALL IMAGES GETTY

Love Hewitt loved up, engaged and pregnant

Jennifer Love Hewitt and her Client List co-star Brian Hallisay are getting married — and expecting a baby. "This is a wonderful time and we are looking forward to starting our family," the couple says in a statement. There's no word yet on a wedding date or a due date. Hewitt first met Hallisay while making the NBC series Love Bites, but they did not start dating until last year. Hallisay proposed last month while they were vacationing in Europe.

Jennifer Love Hewitt

Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith

Jada says she'd never abandon hubby Will once the kids are alright

While she and husband Will Smith have battled their share of breakup rumours in the past year, Jada Pinkett Smith is standing by her man. "What is the one thing that Will could do to make me not love him? That would make me abandon him? I can't think of one, I'm sorry," she tells Redbook magazine. "Except if he did something bad to the kids — now we've got a problem."

Twitter

@Rihanna
Got the keys to #CoCoChanels apartment!!! Yesterday=Most Legendary day in Paris!!!!

@TheRealRosanne
today was my third earthquake in a month-

@pattonoswalt
As the Ambien drapes its sleep-shawl over my eyelids, it whispers, "Stay on Twitter. Let the world know my garbled wisdom."

A product junkie gossips

Beauty. Tika Sumpter has a flawless face and weakness for budget beauty products. We look inside her makeup bag.

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Metro World News

Tika Sumpter currently stars in the upcoming series The Haves and the Have Nots on the Oprah Winfrey Network. MICHELLE BOBB-PARRIS

Cover Girl Queen Collection Natural Hue Bronzer in Ebony Bronze

"I love it because it contours without making your face look contoured. It just gives it extra dimension."

COVERGIRL.COM

Tarte Cosmetics Matte Lip Tint in Exposed

"I'm a no-fuss makeup person and this colour is so easy and wearable. I don't like lip gloss because it comes off easy but this stuff — even if it does come off, you can just throw it back on."

TARTECOSMETICS.COM

Make Up For Ever HD Foundation in Coffee

"It's so light on your skin it barely feels like you have anything on. You just need to make sure you blend it in properly, especially where your face ends and your neck begins."

MAKEUPFOREVER.COM

House of Lashes Au Naturale Hollywood Glam Lashes

"You would think these (are too over the top) but when you put the lashes on, you look insane. They will change your life."

HOUSEOFLASHES.COM

Tika on:

Her beauty takeaways from Gossip Girl and Sparkle

"Gossip Girl was a very clean show. They didn't do heavy makeup. But the movie Sparkle introduced me to '60s makeup, which I'm now obsessed with. If you're going to line my eyes, it now has to be the blackest liner possible."

Her favourite DIY beauty elixirs:

"At night, I take a washrag, add a pump of coconut oil and remove my makeup with hot water. Then I wash my face with the Murad AHA/BHA Exfoliating Cleanser (murad.com) and moisturize with a dab of Keri lotion. I do the same in the morning, minus the oil."

Her go-to complexion fixer:

"I'm pretty religious with my skin care. But sometimes, I come home and I'm like, 'I don't care!' And when I wake up, my pillow is covered in makeup and I can hear my pores screaming. To fix things, I'll apply the Queen Helene Mint Julep Masque (queenhelene.com). It shrinks your pores and dries up pimples."

Trend of the week: Sneakers that pop

The brighter the better. Look at this season's trainers as a sportier replacement to your ballet slipper flats, wearing them with everything from dresses to tailored trousers.

Topshop

neon runners
$70, topshop.com

Zara

multi-coloured trainers
$90, zara.com

Jimmy Choo

glittery sneakers
$465, netaporter.com

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Camping it up at Peabody's Photo Parlour with @JoeyOneil @DawsonCityYukon

Out+about @DawsonCityYukon

Gents' sartorial fare at the old Oak Hall emporium @DawsonCityYukon

At Everleigh on King W at fall launch of #WilliamRast label @jtimberlake founded. Now to opera ball!

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Ana

Actress and shop girl at Bicyclette Boutique

Age: 27

What she's wearing
Bicyclette skirt and tank top, Forever21 denim vest, H&M sunglasses, Lauren Elan bracelets, Hoakon Helga purse, and leather sandals from Croatia.

Her inspiration
I'm inspired by the stylish girls I work with, they are always updating me on the trends! My go-to style blogs are: Sincerely Jules, The Blonde Salad and Refuses to Label. I'm also a huge vintage collector and lover, the '60s boho vibe is always a staple for me!

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A life of luxury and hard lessons

Designer honoured with award. Vera Wang has stayed the long course in the industry out of passion, not for an easy road

Vera Wang, arguably the queen of red-carpet dressing, didn't go into the fashion business with stars in her eyes. She knew about its unglamorous side, the hard work and, especially, the risks. And there were plenty of doubts along the way.

But every time one person — and, she says, it really just takes one — understands what she's trying to express with a certain drape of a fabric, a particular colour or a new silhouette, she's reminded of the reason why she became involved in fashion, and why she's still in it: There's an indefinable payoff that comes when she's helped a woman look and feel her best.

"I didn't come into this like all these teenagers who don't know better. I wasn't a "young, new designer," but I was a new designer and had to go through those growing pains. The risks were apparent to me, and I had seen so many of my friends go through ups and downs," Wang said in a recent interview.

Vera Wang EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wang, 63, was honoured for lifetime achievement by the Council of Fashion Designers at its star-studded awards show Monday night at Lincoln Center. She accepted the award from her mentor (and former employer) Ralph Lauren.

"To all the women and men I have dressed, thank you for your trust," she said during her acceptance speech.

There's rarely a Hollywood event or an A-list wedding where Wang's name doesn't come up. You probably couldn't go into a shopping mall without seeing it, either.

Her hit parade includes the lavender skirt actress Sharon Stone paired with a Gap shirt at the Oscars in 1998, Chelsea Clinton's crystal-waistband wedding gown in 2010 and the rose-printed grey jacquard chiffon blouse and evening robe worn with grey rose-printed pants that closed her last catwalk show at New York Fashion Week.

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Haute couture hardships

"I wasn't a 'young, new designer,' but I was a new designer and had to go through those growing pains."
Vera Wang on her start in style

Summery decor can brighten your home during any season

Seasonal. Designers offer tips on using summer as your decorating inspiration

A kitchen designed in teal with white cabinets. Teal is one of designer Brian Patrick Flynn's go-to colours for adding bold, Caribbean style to interiors. BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO

The sun-drenched colours and windswept beachfront textures of summer provide ample inspiration for indoor decorating. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO/LUCAS STUDIO, INC.

The sun-drenched colours and inviting textures of summer provide plenty of decorating ideas. The trick is doing it right: A summer-inspired interior can become a tacky, tropical disaster if it's done with too heavy a hand.

But with a light touch and strategic choices, your home can be brightened all year long by the fleeting beauty of summer.

Above all, "do not be literal with summer," says Los Angeles-based designer Betsy Burnham. Avoid putting up a sign that says, "Gone Fishin'" or displaying a collection of seashells on a table, she says.

Instead, try examining the colours inside a handful of shells, then decorating a room in those shades. Or upholster one piece of furniture in crisp, summery linen, rather than slip-covering an entire room that way.

Designer Joe Lucas of Lucas Studio in West Hollywood, agrees: A life preserver with the words "To the Beach" painted on it may not be something you want to hang up, he says, even if you really live a block from the beach. But a mix of sand-coloured paint and ocean blue fabrics can be a tasteful reminder of summers by the shore.

Here, Burnham, Lucas and decordemon.com founder Brian Patrick Flynn offer tips on successfully using summer as your design inspiration.

Summer relaxation

"Summery interiors are best described as relaxed," Flynn says. "While autumnal and wintry spaces are packed with rich velvets and earthy palettes, summery spaces are super-light, unstructured and pretty darn casual."

Flynn uses deliberate contrast to point up that casual feeling: "I like to juxtapose super-relaxed elements such as slipcovers or bedding made from washed linen with super-tailored elements such as tailored tartan or pinstripe accents. The result is preppy, but still casual."

Summer is distinctive colours

One option is a palette of muted summer colours (sandy beiges, soft driftwood greys, nautical blues), which can be used throughout a room without overpowering it.

Lucas is a fan of very pale grey wall colours that include just a hint of green or blue. They look great alongside natural, pale wood furniture.

Flynn recommends "washed-out blue" wall colours, such as "Krypton" by Sherwin-Williams or "Drenched Rain" by Dunn-Edwards. "Blues with the perfect amount of grey in them tend to be timeless and also work as new neutrals — colours with tons of personality which tend to work well with almost every other hue out there, as opposed to boring beiges and taupes."

These muted blues pair beautifully with white, he says: "The mix of blue and white together is totally timeless, plus it can be mixed up in many different ways to update the look. Almost all colours accent blue and white well."

The other summery option is to go vivid, using grassy greens, geranium reds, deep corals and the teal of tropical waters. Done right, these colours can elevate the look of a room.

"I'm a huge fan of teal and coral," Flynn says. "I especially love them together, since it strikes the perfect balance of feminine and masculine."

Summer is painted wood

"People always think that they have to have their wood finished in a stain," Burnham says. "Why not a painted finish? Paint your bookcases white ... It's summery, but livable year-round. Or try painting a floor somewhere in your house, like a guest room floor."

Lucas agrees: "We're always pushing clients to paint out their dark cabinets," he says. "Everyone thinks their library has to be stained a rich mahogany or dark walnut," but there are better approaches. "Paint it an off-blue-grey or lacquer it a fun, brighter colour."

Summer is natural textures

"Summery textures really make you want to curl up, kick your sandals off, and just escape with a book or magazine," Flynn says. "I use tons of linen in summer-inspired spaces, as well as cotton and textured wovens." Also, he says, "sea grass and sisal are other summery textures which will never go out of style."

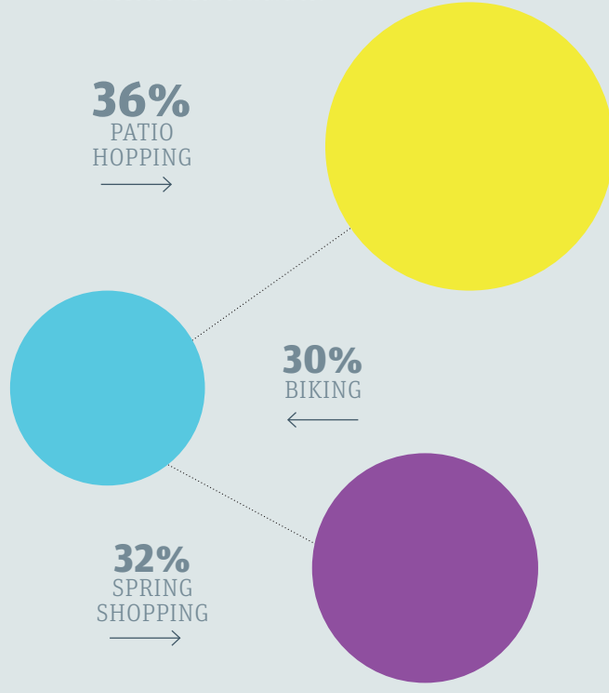
The key with these materials, says Burnham, is moderation. Materials like rope or weathered wood are great "as long as you don't have a room full of any of those items. One sisal carpet, a rattan chair or a rattan seat on a wood chair," is all you need, says Burnham.

Also, "glass is summery," she says, "but not cut glass. Not Waterford crystal. Just really simple, New England looking pieces. Really simple glassware on a shelf." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Metropolitan Panel

Lunch meeting...on the patio!

We asked our Metropolitan Panel what spring activity they most looked forward to.*



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Decorating trends for the cool kids

In a few weeks school will be ending for many elementary school children. With a week or two lagging before summer camp, it's a great time to get them organizing and sprucing up their bedrooms. Online shopping is easier than ever, so maybe it's time to let the kids be creative and do a little shopping for ways to 'trend-up' their room; of course you will want to keep your credit card number a secret! Here's a few smart decor items to create an on-trend wonderland.

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Best drama paint

PF55 honey brulee

Want a paint colour that looks as perfect with denim blues as with hot pink? Try Para Paint's honey brulee PF55 for a punch of acidic gold to wake up any space. para.com.

Sleeping in space

When the lights go out you're off to outer space with the photorealism of the Astronaut Duvet Cover Set, $95, Simons.ca.

Dream Beds

Gypsy prints inspire hours of mind-wandering and writing in diaries with the Daydreamer Quilted Collection, $48 to $228, anthropologie.com.

Earth under foot

Play on top of the world with the Trompe L'Oeil Earth Floor Mat, $175 (4x6), urbanoutfitters.com.

Keeping it organized

Keep everything organized with fabric-covered boxes and totes. Geo Storage Boxes, $29 to $39, potterybarnkids.ca.

Removable wall art

Direct traffic in and out of your bedroom with iconic road signs that are peel and stick easy! Road Signs, $35 set of 14 stickers, wallpops.com.

Sit pretty

Create a whimsical wonderland bedroom with a colourful crocheted toadstool. Mushroom Pouf, $168, anthropologie.com.

Sure, there's a school, but where's the Whole Foods?

Relocation. Jason Abrams, real estate to pro-athletes, shares 10 tips to help you find your way

Scoring The Deal follows Jason Abrams, the Jerry Maguire of real estate, as he helps pro-athletes buy and sell homes worth millions of dollars.

Whereas most agents work in a specific area, Jason specializes in any city with a pro stadium, often working on a deadline of only a few days after an athlete is traded.

Crime Doesn't Pay
It is important to check the crime rates (especially the violent crimes) in the areas you are thinking of relocating to. Homes located within areas with high crime rates ALWAYS have the potential to lose value quickly.

Shop until you drop
Make sure to check out the proximity to your favourite stores before you move. If you love Whole Foods, best not to move to a city that doesn't have one.

Be there in time
Let's face it, unless you are Scrooge McDuck and swimming in gold coins you will be commuting to work every day. Make sure that you will not be spending hours upon hours driving to and from work.

School is cool
If you have kids, make sure you check out the latest school rankings.

Walk-ability
How walkable is your new city? Studies show that prices appreciate more in walkable cities.

Mile high club
Airports are important if you travel for work or vacation multiple times a year. It's nice to be close, but not too close.

Emergency on aisle 5
Proximity to a hospital is crucial. Let's hope you never need to go, but if you do, you best know how to get there.

We like a southwest feel
Get to know the local home style before you arrive. If you like adobe-style southwest homes, move to Arizona not Ontario.

Opera anyone?
The arts are important — opera, theatre, music — but let's face it, what we really mean here is how far is the closest hockey arena?

Need a ride
Mass transit has come a long way. If you will be using the subway, light rail, street cars, or RT make sure you know where the closest pick up is.

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Cream-heavy Pasta Primavera slims down for the summer

This recipe serves six. It contains 390 calories and seven grams of fat per serving. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE)

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This is my light version of Pasta Primavera, which is usually made with a heavy cream sauce loaded with calories and fat.

1. Cook pasta in boiling water according to package instructions or until firm to the bite. Just before the pasta is cooked, add the broccoli, snow peas, red peppers and green peas to the boiling water, and cook for 2 minutes. Drain and place in serving bowl. Add tomatoes, basil, parsley and cheese.

2. Meanwhile, make the sauce: In nonstick saucepan, melt margarine; add flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Slowly add milk, stock, garlic, and salt and pepper; stir constantly until sauce slightly thickens, approximately 4 minutes. Add 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese until melted. Remove from heat. Add to pasta, garnish with 1/3 cup grated Parmesan and toss well. ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 12 oz linguine
- 1 1/2 cups chopped broccoli
- 1 1/2 cups chopped snow peas
- 1 cup sliced red peppers
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1 2/3 cups chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Sauce

- 1 tbsp margarine or butter
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 1/4 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

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Mind Watering (iPad; $4.99)

With ingredients perfectly laid out, timers at the ready and page-turning voice commands, this very visual step-by-step cookbook of 51 recipes and tricks is deliciously organized.

Metro Exclusive

Cook with Vikram Vij and Metro

Metro and Vikram Vij are teaming up once again to give readers on opportunity to cook along with the renowned chef during a live webstream tonight at 9 ET/6 PT at metronews.ca/vijcooklive. Don't have your ingredients yet? Go to metronews.ca to download a shopping list so you can hit the store on your way home. You can also get a copy of the recipe so you can follow along as Vij cooks live. You will also be able to tweet him at #VijCookLive. METRO

Quick Dinner. Asparagus Penne Carbonara

This is a restaurant favourite you can serve at home with a spring burst of asparagus! The fresh lemon and mint flavours also come shining through.

1. In skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add asparagus and lemon rind. Cook 5 mins. or until tender crisp. Stir in lemon juice and mint; set aside.

2. In pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package directions or until al dente. Drain and set aside.

3. Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk eggs, Parmesan, parsley and pepper; add to drained pasta and toss for about 45 seconds until pasta is creamy and coated well. Add asparagus mixture and toss to combine. Top with grated Parmesan cheese, if desired. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 2 cups (500 ml) fresh asparagus, chopped
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated lemon rind
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh mint, chopped
- 12 oz (375 g) penne pasta
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh parsley, chopped
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper
- Grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Casserole unites Pulled Pork and Mac & Cheese

1. Heat the oven to 425 F. Coat a 9-inch springform baking pan with cooking spray.

2. In bowl, mix paprika, cumin, chili powder and 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

3. Slice sweet potatoes thinly as possible. Arrange single layer of slices in prepared pan. Sprinkle with bit of spice blend, then spritz with cooking spray. Repeat with additional layers of sweet potatoes and seasonings until you have used all of the slices and seasoning mixture.

4. Bake 15 minutes, or until tender and lightly browned at the edges. Remove pan from the oven and set aside.

5. Meanwhile, bring saucepan of water to simmer. Add pork and cook 1 hour. Remove the pork from pan. Using 2 forks, tear and shred the pork into bite-sized pieces. Discard the water from the pan, then return the pork to it. Add the barbecue sauce and vinegar, then mix well. Set aside.

6. Bring saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente according to package directions. Reserve 1/4 cup of cooking water, then drain the pasta and return to saucepan. Return pasta to medium heat and add the creme fraîche, cheddar and Gruyère. Stir until melted, then add a splash of hot sauce. Season with salt and pepper.

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

7. Spread pulled pork in an even layer over the roasted sweet potatoes. Spread the Mac and Cheese over the pork.

8. In bowl, mix Parmesan, panko and butter. Sprinkle the breadcrumb mix evenly over the Mac and Cheese, then bake for 15 minutes, or until the breadcrumbs are lightly toasted and the centre of the casserole is hot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 2 medium sweet potatoes
- 2 lbs pork tenderloin, cut into 2-inch chunks
- 13 1/2-oz bottle BBQ sauce
- 1 to 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 8 oz elbow pasta
- 1/4 cup creme fraiche
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Gruyere cheese
- Hot sauce, to taste
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted

4 SPORTS

Rugby

Canada ends drought vs. Fiji

Ray Barkwill scored the winning try and Canada held on to defeat Fiji 20-18 in Pacific Nations Cup men's rugby action Wednesday night.

It was Canada's first win over Fiji since 1995, and the first ever on Canadian soil.

The Fijians made it close, mounting a late rush to win the game. With Canada leading 20-11 Qera Akapusi punched his way across the try line and Jiuta Lutumailagi scored on the conversion to make it 20-18. But Canada managed to hold on for the win to the delight of the 4,548 on hand. THE CANADIAN PRESS

House of Commons

Bill legalizing MMA passes

The House of Commons has passed a bill legalizing contact sports such as mixed martial arts.

The legislation, which originated in the Senate, takes certain fighting sports, including taekwondo and karate, as well as MMA, out of legal limbo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Title fight Grant-ed

"I know I've got my work cut out for me.... He's dangerous in all kinds of areas."

Cole Harbour, N.S., native T.J. Grant on UFC lightweight champion Benson Henderson. The UFC announced on Wednesday that Grant will get a title fight against Henderson at UFC 164 on Aug. 31.

Chicago blue-liner Duncan Keith skates over to Kings forward Jeff Carter after high-sticking him in Game 3 at Staples Center. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Keith canned for Game 4 vs. Kings

NHL playoffs.
Top Chicago defender suspended one game for high stick on Carter

If the Chicago Blackhawks are going to end the Los Angeles Kings' perfect post-season on home ice in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals, they'll have to do it without their top defenceman.

Duncan Keith will sit out Thursday under a one-game suspension for high-sticking Los Angeles' Jeff Carter. Keith hit Carter with a one-handed blow in the second period of the Kings' 3-1 victory in Game 3, opening a 20-stitch gash on the star forward's face and cracking three of his teeth.

Chicago has a 2-1 series lead and could take control with a win in Game 4, but the uncertainty of Keith's fate hung over both teams' practices Wednesday. Keith is enormously important to the powerful Blackhawks, easily leading the club in ice time and ranking third in playoff scoring with 10 points.

Sheldon Brookbank, the likely candidate to take Keith's place in the Blackhawks' lineup, hasn't played in the post-season.

"It's been our strength pretty much all season, our depth on our blue line," Chicago defenceman Niklas Hjalmarsson said before the suspension was announced. "So whatever happens with that, I think we're going to be all right. I'm sure if something happens, Brookbank is going to come in and play good. All of the D-men have to step up a little more if that happens."

Keith, whose ungloved hand was nearly slashed by Carter an instant earlier, got a double minor penalty for his high stick, but was allowed to stay in Game 3.

Keith is classified by the NHL as a repeat offender after elbowing Vancouver's Daniel Sedin in the head late last season, sidelining Sedin well into the playoffs.

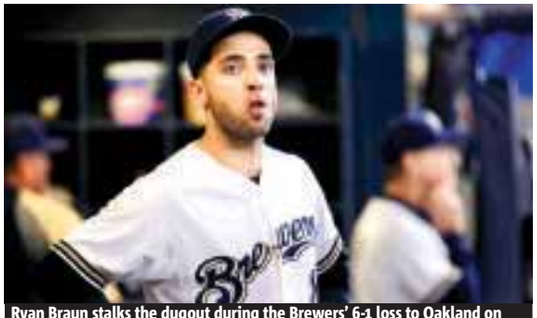
Keith attempted to apologize to Carter on the ice, claiming the high stick was an accident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cracked, but not broken

"There's bigger things to worry about right now."

Kings forward Jeff Carter when asked about his injuries on the Duncan Keith high stick. Carer was cut for 20 stitches and had three teeth cracked.

MLB just cracking surface of PED probe



Ryan Braun stalks the dugout during the Brewers' 6-1 loss to Oakland on Wednesday in Milwaukee. MORRY GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One by one, for three weeks already, players accompanied by their lawyers have been summoned to interviews as part of baseball's latest investigation into performance-enhancing drugs — and the process is a long way from finished.

Some pretty big names, led by Alex Rodriguez, could be on the hot seat.

A-Rod, Ryan Braun, Nelson Cruz, Melky Cabrera and Bartolo Colon are among the 20 or so players who may be disciplined for their links to the now-closed Miami anti-aging clinic, Biogenesis of America.

The players' union says it has been assured no decisions regarding discipline will be made until the interviews are completed.

"It would be unfortunate if anyone prejudged those investigations," union head Michael Weiner said in a statement Wednesday.

And it appears the process has a while to run.

Interviews with players are scheduled until the end of June, according to people with knowledge of the process who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Every player has been or will be represented by an attorney from the players' association," Weiner said.

MLB has been seeking the co-operation of Biogenesis founder Anthony Bosch since Miami New Times reported in January that it obtained what the paper said were records detailing drug purchases by Rodriguez, Cabrera, Cruz and Colon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sharapova side steps upset at French Open

Semifinal set.
Defending champ overcomes jitters against Jankovic, faces Azarenka at the French Open

Maria Sharapova celebrates match point of her quarter-final match against Jelena Jankovic on Wednesday at the French Open in Paris. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

For one full set, Maria Sharapova was about as bad as can be.

The French Open's defending champion could not direct the ball where she wanted at the start of her quarterfinal against Serbia's Jelena Jankovic. Point after point ended with a mistake by Sharapova — long, wide, into the net, 20 unforced errors in all.

It added up to only the sixth time in 626 career matches that Sharapova dropped a first set at love. She lost all of those others, never even forcing a third set. Sharapova did not go quietly Wednesday, though, turning up the level of her shot-making and the volume of her "Come on!" shouts on the way to beating the 18th-seeded Jankovic 0-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"I wanted to put that chapter behind me," the second-seeded Sharapova said. "No matter how many errors I made or how disappointed I was with the way I started the match, I knew that I still could try to create chances out there; obviously taking them is another question."

Jankovic didn't so much earn her early lead as accept it: Of the 27 points she won in that first set, only two came via her winners.

Down the stretch, Jankovic faded, losing the final four games.

In Thursday's semifinals, Sharapova will face No. 3 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, the two-time Australian Open champion

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Clash of tennis titans

No. 3 seed Rafael Nadal and No. 1 Novak Djokovic will battle in Friday's highly touted men's semifinal

- Both advanced Wednesday with straight set victories. Nadal drubbed Stanislas Wawrinka 6-2, 6-3, 6-1, and Djokovic eliminated Tommy Haas 6-3, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Player safety

Who will be visor's eqvuivalent of Mac-T?

Craig MacTavish was the last helmetless player in the NHL. GETTY IMAGES

Who will be to the visor what Craig MacTavish is to the helmet?

Ryan Getzlaf? Jamie Benn? Ryan O'Reilly? All are young NHL stars who took off the shield as soon as they made The Show.

MacTavish, now the general manager of the Edmonton Oilers, holds claim to the trivia-friendly title of being the last player in the NHL to go without a helmet.

MacTavish played his last game in 1997, a full 18 years since the NHL grandfathered in mandatory helmets. Players who signed their first pro contract after June 1, 1979, were required to wear helmets.

MacTavish made it just under the wire. His first season was 1979-80, but he signed his first pro contract prior to the deadline.

Starting for the 2013-14 season, any player with 25 or fewer NHL games (including playoffs) to their credit will be forced to wear visors for the rest of their career. Those at 26 games or more will have a choice.

"I thought it was inevitable, and I'm glad to see them put that in there," said Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma at the Eastern Conference final in Boston.

"I'm proud and encourage guys to wear visors." said Bruins coach Claude Julien.

About three-quarters of the league already wears visors. Some switched mid-season, notably Eric and Jordan Staal of the Carolina Hurricanes after the eye injury to their brother, Marc, of the New York Rangers.

Some are promising to switch next season, including Maple Leafs defenceman Mark Fraser, after taking a puck to the eye in the playoffs against Boston.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; All Times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) VS. BOSTON (4)

(Boston leads series 2-0)
Wednesday's result
Pittsburgh at Boston
Monday's result
Boston 6 Pittsburgh 1
Saturday's result
Boston 3 Pittsburgh 0
Friday's game
Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 11
x-Pittsburgh at Boston, TBD
Wednesday, June 12
x-Boston at Pittsburgh, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)

(Chicago leads series 2-1)
Tuesday's result
Los Angeles 3 Chicago 1
Sunday's result
Chicago 4 Los Angeles 2
Saturday's result
Chicago 2 Los Angeles 1
Thursday's game
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 10
x-Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12
x-Los Angeles at Chicago, TBD
x — played only if necessary

NBA PLAYOFFS

FINAL
(Best-of-7)

MIAMI (1) VS SAN ANTONIO (2)

Thursday's game
San Antonio at Miami, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jun. 11
Miami at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Thursday, Jun. 13
Miami at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	36	23	.610	—
New York	34	25	.576	2
Baltimore	33	25	.569	2½
Tampa Bay	32	26	.552	3½
Toronto	25	34	.424	11

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	31	26	.544	—
Cleveland	30	29	.508	2
Minnesota	26	29	.473	4
Chicago	25	32	.439	6
Kansas City	23	32	.418	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	35	22	.614	-1
Oakland	36	25	.590	—
Los Angeles	26	33	.441	9
Seattle	26	34	.433	9½
Houston	21	38	.356	14

Wednesday's results
N.Y. Yankees 6 Cleveland 4
Chicago White Sox 7 Seattle 5 (16)
Chicago Cubs at L.A. Angels
Tampa Bay 3 Detroit 0
Texas at Boston
Baltimore at Houston
Minnesota at Kansas City
Tuesday's results
N.Y. Yankees 4 Cleveland 3
Detroit 10 Tampa Bay 1
Boston 17 Texas 5
Baltimore 4 Houston 1
Minnesota 3 Kansas City 0
L.A. Angels 4 Chicago Cubs 3
Seattle 7 Chicago White Sox 4
Thursday's games
All times Eastern
Tampa Bay (Hernandez 3-5) at Detroit (Scherzer 7-0), 1:08 p.m.
Baltimore (Gonzalez 2-2) at Houston (Norris 5-4), 2:10 p.m.
Texas (Holland 5-2) at Boston (Lester 6-2), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Straily 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-2), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-6) at Kansas City (Davis 3-5), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hughes 2-4) at Seattle (Harang 2-5), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	37	22	.627	—
Philadelphia	30	30	.500	7½
Washington	29	29	.500	7½
New York	22	33	.400	13
Miami	16	44	.267	21½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	38	20	.655	—
Cincinnati	36	23	.610	2½
Pittsburgh	35	25	.583	4
Chicago	23	33	.411	14
Milwaukee	22	36	.379	16

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	33	25	.569	—
Colorado	31	28	.525	2½
San Francisco	31	28	.525	2½
San Diego	26	32	.448	7
Los Angeles	25	32	.439	7½

Wednesday's results
Atlanta 5 Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 6 Miami 1
Oakland 6 Milwaukee 1
Toronto 4 San Francisco 0
N.Y. Mets at Washington
Colorado at Cincinnati
Arizona at St. Louis
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers
Tuesday's results
Philadelphia 7 Miami 3 (11)
Washington 3 N.Y. Mets 2
Colorado 5 Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 5 Pittsburgh 4 (10)
Milwaukee 4 Oakland 3 (10)
Arizona 7 St. Louis 6 (14)
L.A. Dodgers 9 San Diego 7
San Francisco 2 Toronto 1
Thursday's games
All times Eastern
N.Y. Mets (Marcum 0-6) at Washington (Gonzalez 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Kennedy 3-3) at St. Louis (Miller 6-3), 7:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cloyd 1-2) at Milwaukee (Peralta 4-6), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 4-3) at Colorado (Chacin 3-3), 8:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Hudson 4-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 2-1), 10:10 p.m.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Someone will call on you to mediate a dispute today and while you would prefer not to get involved, you can't really say no. Look at the facts and deliver your verdict — then get out of the way fast.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It may be tempting to get angry with someone who brings you bad news but it's not their fault — and won't solve a thing. Besides, if you are honest, you'll admit part of the blame rests with you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign may make all things possible but you still need to select your aims with care. Even a Gemini has only a fixed amount of time and energy to invest. Use it wisely.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
For some reason, you appear to believe that if you don't act immediately you will miss out. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, you should drag your feet a little.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you try to please too many people, you will end up pleasing no one. You can't do favours for everyone but you can do favours for those who count the most — or whose need is most urgent.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A plan close to your heart is coming together and you are almost ready to announce it to the world. Don't be too hasty. Make sure it's foolproof.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't read into what others say today. Most likely they are talking about things they know nothing about. Trust your instincts, even when they lead you in a different direction than everyone else.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Put the past behind you and move on with a smile. Whatever mistakes you may have made mean nothing now, so why make a big issue of them? Life is a learning experience, with lots of loving.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Never mind what others expect of you, what do you expect of yourself? That question is important but never more so than now as the approaching new moon maximizes your options. Identify your goals.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not be the sort to back out of a fight but you are smart enough not to start one when you know you can't win. Someone you work with may be a drag but they also have all the power, so be nice.

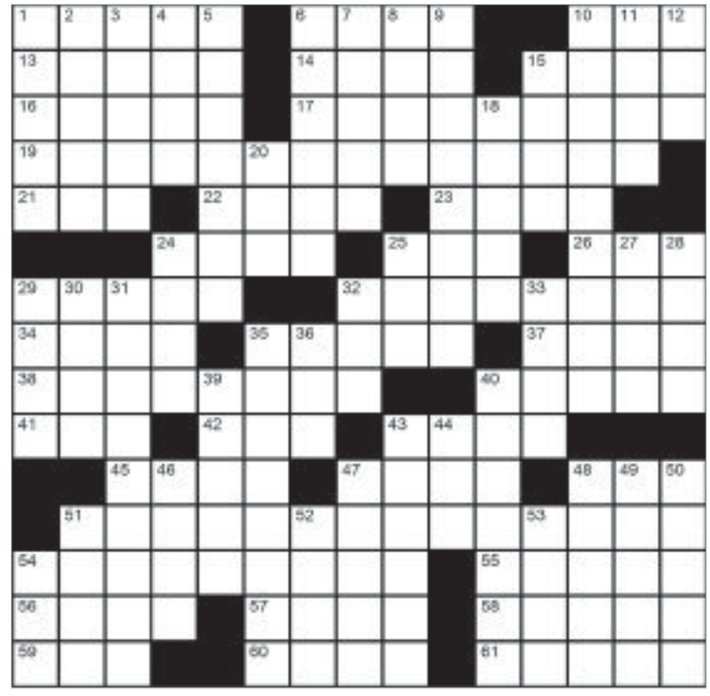
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Tempers may get a bit frayed today but looking back you may wonder what all the fuss was about. Still, it's always good to get bad feelings out in the open.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Pay attention to a colleague's personal needs today because their interests and your interests are more closely connected than you might imagine. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

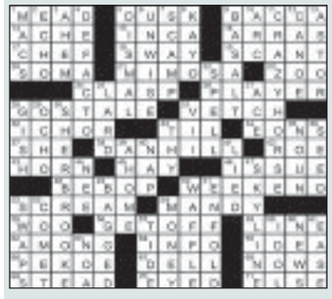
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Bard's below
6. Carlos __ (Spanish tennis player)
10. __-mo replay
13. Bonus
14. Mischa of "My Man Godfrey" (1936)
15. "Take __ __ face value."
16. Measuring stick
17. Rolled-around breaktime sight at work: 2 wds.
19. JUNE 6TH, 1944: Juno, Gold, Sword, Omaha and Utah: 2 wds.
21. Progressive rock band
22. Ye's follower
23. "To Live and Die __ _._." (1985)
24. Russian assembly
25. Trellis plant
26. Dove's murmur
29. Batman abode, Wayne __
32. Escape from prison: 2 wds.
34. Camaro model, __-Z
35. Attempts
37. Against
38. Tidy or groom: 2 wds.
40. Category
41. Fitness system, __ Bo
42. Mil. command posts
43. Eminem movie, "8 __" (2002)
45. Shirley Ann __ (Pulitzer-winning writer)
47. Drive a bike
48. Potpie morsel
51. Meal time-savers: 2 wds.
54. "__ in Seattle" (1993)
55. Annuls
56. Camping beds
57. Have _ __ to pick
58. Mr. Coombs of "Mr. Dressup"
59. "__ showtime!"
60. Lacking
61. Adjust, as an alarm clock

Down
1. Broken-eyeglasses-with-tape characteristic
2. Give off, as confidence
3. Maps book
4. Deuce-ace
5. Halifax __
6. Ancient fortress atop a plateau of Israel
7. Unit of weight
8. Casual affirmative
9. In Ottawa: Library and __ Canada
10. Quebec City, when it was an Iroquoian village
11. Metallica drummer Mr. Ulrich
12. Baseball great Mel
15. Suffix with 'Poet'
18. Where Nairobi is the capital
20. Tree type
24. TV show genre, __-drama
25. Choler
27. Baseball stats
28. "Willie and the Hand Jive" by Johnny __
29. Maid of the __ (Boat ride at Niagara Falls)
30. Harp, in Italy
31. Tom Cochrane tune: 2 wds.
32. Marcel Marceau's clown
33. Leafy veggie
35. Agave beverages
36. Toys "_" __ (Chain store)
39. Victor
40. The __ Family, as on TV classic "Leave It to Beaver"
43. Central spots
44. Partners to egos
46. Roger who played Robin Colcord on "Cheers"
47. Myrrh, for example
48. Inflictions
49. Moviedom's Mr. Murphy
50. Strong point
51. Conspiracy
52. "__: Warrior Princess"
53. Handed-down history
54. __-Fi

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	3	7	4	5	1	2	6	9
1	4	6	9	2	3	5	8	7
2	9	5	6	7	8	3	1	4
7	6	9	8	3	2	4	5	1
3	8	1	5	4	9	6	7	2
5	2	4	1	6	7	8	9	3
6	1	3	7	8	4	9	2	5
9	5	2	3	1	6	7	4	8
4	7	8	2	9	5	1	3	6

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